

2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON COLUMBIA VALLEY

Varietal Composition: Tudor Hills Vineyard 70% & Columbia Valley 30%

Appellation Columbia Valley

Bottled: August 24, 2022

Technical Data: Alc. 14.5% by vol; RS: 0.025; TA: 5.77 g/l; pH 3.89

Cases Produced: 1958

Production & Aging: Aged 9 months in 50% new French oak

THE VINTAGE

2021 was an unusual growing season in Washington, marked by a record heat event in late June, an overall hot growing season, and in many cases historically low yields. However, in the end winemakers were quite pleased with the quality of the fruit. Winemakers and growers reported the overall quality of the fruit to be fantastic with great flavor and concentration.

THE VINEYARD

Sourced from our award-winning vineyards in Washington state's Columbia Valley AVA.

THE WINEMAKING

Throughout harvest, Winemaker Richard Batchelor worked closely with local growers and visited each vineyard to taste for maturity and ripeness to determine the precise moment to pick the fruit. Grapes were hand-harvested during the cool hours of the morning to preserve bright fruit notes. Each lot underwent a five day pre-fermentation cold soak before the tank was allowed to go through a native fermentation to dryness lasting roughly 21 days. Each lot was fermented separately and then blended before bottling to allow the tannins to meld together. To craft this wine, only the free run juice was collected and no press fraction was blended. The wine was then barrel aged for 9 months in new French Oak. For the first year this wine was stirred in barrel on its lees and racked when necessary to soften the tannins. After the first 12 months the wine was racked off the lees for clarity before blending and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Raspberries, blood orange, and fennel aromas lead to flavors of orange peel, clove, and cinnamon with a velvety spiced chocolate finish.

AWARDS

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Pacific Northwest Winery of the Year Wine Press Northwest, 2015 Winery of the Year Top 10 Winery of the World Winemaker of the Year
San Francisco International, 2014 World Association of Wine Writers & Journalists, 2014 INDY International, 2019, 2018 & 2013

Most Valuable Producer Seattle Wine Awards, 2022